

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. My darling Alec:

Your letters and enclosures and telegrams arrived this afternoon. I have nothing to say about them until I see you, except "Have you counted the cost?" Is all the justice all the money you can get worth all the heartburnings and vain regrets now and hereafter. We have neither of us so many friends that we can afford to break with any, especially not with those who love us best who think they are working hard for us, and whom I owe all that I am and who I love better than anyone else on this wide earth, unless it is my dear husband. Yes I know you mean it for the best, yet can it be so when it makes us all so unhappy and makes me feel almost like an attempting murderer. I speak strongly, but my heart is aching for you all and especially my sweet delicate Mother.

But I am frightened at your letter to Mr. Converse. O why did you do it without consulting me, I am afraid Papa will never forgive you, and no, no it is no use your saying "I can't help it" it will almost break my heart. Remember I am bound to my parents as few children are. Costello Converse beside is not the valued friend you think, Joseph Converse is Papa's friend, Costello is but a business acquaintance, nothing more. Few men would forgive such an imputation over their honor.